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"A VOICE FROM HEAVEN"

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THOU WILL KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THEE.

The World Depression

Chas. E. Lockard

What does the world need most at this time? Is this really a crisis? A nation or worldwide crisis? If so, what is most needed to bring about the best results? I wonder what answer the majority of this generation would give. Would the answer be, Money? I fear many would say that. We hear so much being said these days of the return of prosperity. That's the main topic of conversation most everywhere. But we are slow to remember that there are some things more important than money, or business. Most people think a country is all right if everything is flourishing financially. Is this the right attitude, or should we not consider the spiritual side also?

In the past decade, or we might say twenty-five years of rapid progress on different lines, what have men done? Have they given due honor and thanks to God for successful inventions or success on various lines? No. Instead the nation almost as a whole has seemingly forgotten God. Nahum 1:2, says, "God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth." Several other scriptures tell us of the jealousy of God and how we should have no other gods before Him. Surely anything that we allow to crowd God out of our lives is a strange God and in this beautiful land God has given us there are many, many strange gods and the people are bowing down to them. Then why should we wonder at God's jealousy being aroused? Let us consider all this, then perhaps we can understand the worldwide distress that is now upon us, or in other words, "the depression of the nation."

Elijah prayed for corrupt and sinful Israel to be plunged into poverty. Three years and a half without rain meant hardships and suffering to the last degree, but that's exactly what Elijah prayed for, and God answered his prayer. The thought is Elijah's mind (and God agreed with him else He would not have answered his prayer) was that moral and religious failure was much worse than poverty. They agreed that the land had better be poor, the people hungry and ragged, than that they should forget God.

Human nature is the same today as in Elijah's day. Prosperity tends to bodily ease and sensual pleasure and these will surely dull our spiritual aspirations and lower our moral vitality. Can we not see how this very state of affairs has been creeping upon the people. A question now arises before us, Are we ready for the return of material prosperity? What would be the effect upon millions of church members, many who have amassed wealth during this era of prosperity and have become used to pampering the desires of the flesh instead of sacrificing anything for the Church and her cause, should good times return without any change of heart or con-

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Revival In Detroit, Mich. Still Going

The revival is still going and growing here. I have never witnessed anything like it. This is the seventeenth week and we have no idea when it will close. Two men who had been infidels have received the Holy Ghost (both of them past sixty years old). One man who had been around and heard holiness preached for about fifteen years and whose wife has been a member of the Church of God and a faithful worker for years, was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost last Sunday. Another man who had been seeking about that long and had been a member of the Church of God for years received the Holy Ghost since the meeting started. One woman about fifty years old, who had been in Church of God meetings for a number of years but was still a "Free Will Baptist," was wonderfully healed and received the Holy Ghost and dances like a sixteen year old girl. God has wonderfully manifested His power in healing. One girl who had T. B. and when she was stopped from school was healed and when she went back for an X-ray the doctor said all signs of T. B. had disappeared. Glory to God for old time power! We have cottage prayer meetings at 2:00 p. m. most every day and sometimes have forty or fifty in attendance.—M. P. Cross.

OUR CHILDREN

We Thank The People

Dear Evangel readers, I haven't words to express my appreciation to the Church of God people for what they have done for me. In 1924 on the first day of September four of us little girls from North Carolina were permitted to enter the Church of God Children's Home. Our mother had gone home to heaven and our father, being an invalid, was not able to take care of us. We surely appreciate our home. We thank the good people for every penny they have given for the support of the orphanage.

I entered the public school here in the first grade. I am now in the eighth grade.

I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I desire an interest in your prayers that I may get closer to the Lord and do His will at all times. —Omie Ricker, Children's Home, 201 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

We Appreciate Our Home

I take this privilege to thank the dear people of the Church of God for the kindness extended to me as one of the orphans. My three brothers, Francis, Morston, Lee, and I entered the home on Jan. 9, 1925. My father came to his death by a fall on the ice. He died in Maryland May 10, 1923. We were left in the care of our grandmother. She, being a traveling evangelist, could not take care of us and attend to her ministerial duties.

I haven't words to express my appreciation to my friends who have made it possible, by their contributions and gifts, for my brothers and me to stay in the home and be trained and educated. I highly appreciate the training and care of the matrons and managers. I have been mostly under the care of Sister Atwell from Florida. Sister Atwell is a good matron and we all surely do love her. She believes in good order and work.

I graduated from grammar school in 1930. I attended the first part of Bible Training School this term, going until my health would not permit. I have been under the instruction of Brother Otis L. McCoy in vocal music since the Assembly. I have taken piano lessons for four years from Mrs. Lusk. I am now assisting Sister Atwell in the care and training of the children in the home.

My three brothers are on the farm. They have nice fertile acres and a beautiful home.

We surely do appreciate our Orphanage Committee, Brother S. W. Latimer, Brother T. L. McLain, and Brother I. C. Barrett.

I too praise the Lord because I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and I desire an interest in your prayers.—Anna Mae Mullikin, Children's Home, 201 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

HE IS ALL AND ALL TO ME

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—I praise the Lord for healing my baby last night in answer to prayer. So many had told me if he happened to take pneumonia it would just be too bad because he is so fat. The dear Lord is healer of all diseases. About two weeks ago he was real sick with the flu. We prayed and prayed and I promised to the Lord if He would only heal him I would testify thru the Evangel. I failed to do what I had promised. It pays to do the Lord's will and keep our promises to Him.

Last night Brother Drake and several of the saints came in and anointed him in the name of Jesus and he was healed instantly. He went to sleep and rested good the rest of the night and is clear of fever and still healed this morning for which I give God all the glory. Who wouldn't want to serve a Savior like that? He is all and all to me. Pray much for me that I might be worthy of His precious promises and stand true regardless of the cost.

Pray for the church at Carlsbad that it might rise and shine in these last days. We are having a wonderful meeting here now. It has been going on almost two weeks. Four have received the Holy Ghost and one has been saved. Pray that more will be born into the kingdom before this meeting closes. Also pray for my unsaved husband.—An unworthy sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Alma White.

The Minister And His Meditation

R. P. Johnson

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." 1 Tim. 4:15. "Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established." Prov. 4:26. "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Psa. 1:2. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

In reading the above quotation we can readily see "meditation" carries the thought of deep thinking, pondering, considering, revolving, weighing matters, methods, plans, purposes, etc. So we see that God has commanded us to meditate, ponder, etc., the purpose of which is that all of our ways may be ordered aright. Prov. 4:26. This is rendered in the margin.

THE BENEFIT OF MEDITATION

Meditation enables us to make the truth of God a part of our own system of thought. We never profit but little from knowledge until it becomes a part of our thought-life. We profit by a truth and by all of the truth when we are able to call it up to view at pleasure and are able to connect or arrange the parts so as to easily understand the whole. The minister who cannot arrange the different parts of the Word so as to make the whole understandable cannot make others see that he is profiting from only a part. We as ministers must be able to make the proper connection and show the dependence of one truth upon another. We must be able to show the evidence by which each is supported; each scriptural reference must be in its proper place, and God would have us judge the whole with correctness and with ease, for the minister who manifests confusion and shows uneasiness in his preaching will never be a soul winner, neither can he please God. And this should be the manner in which every discourse is treated.

He will only gain this knowledge and be able to make such arrangements, make such connections, and show the dependence of truth upon other truth BY MEDITATION. Whatever information or knowledge a minister may gain it is never of much benefit or use to him until it becomes his very own. The child who wrestles with a problem and gets its mother, father, or some other person to work it out for him is never profited by that example being worked out until that knowledge becomes that child's own. Then when it is able to solve its own problem it jumps up and with boldness and glee says, I GOT IT, I UNDERSTAND IT. My dear minister, you may say that you are going to read a certain book thru and feel that you will profit greatly by your effort, but you will gain as much real understanding of that truth as you would have of the U. S. A. by flying from Washington to San Francisco. You might be able to tell people that you passed over. You say you know that there are certain cities because you passed over them, but should some one ask you to tell them about the lay of some city, the resources, what prospects it held for those who were looking for safe investments, etc., you would have to say, Well, I can't tell much about that as I only flew over one time. Oh may God help you as you read this to purpose in your heart that you will not run over the Word of God lightly. I want to make bold to say just here that there is only one way that you will be able to explain the blessings and benefits of the gospel and that is by meditation, deep thinking, turning truths over and over in your mind. Give yourself wholly to your scripture until it becomes a dictatory of your opinions and conduct.

Every one knows there is a vast difference in a thing merely passing thru one's mind, and feeling the weight of it in their innermost life. You can remember the time when truth barely did sweep the surface of your mind. Then at other times, how powerfully it effected your heart. The same way with other happenings. And when you begin to look back for the cause you will soon decide it was that and that only which we feel that moved us to action good or bad. That which merely swept the surface of our minds did not move us at all. The music must be relished, the dancers must feel it before the dancing starts. The mourning must be felt before we all unite in lamentation. Oh may God let these few lines be freighted with His power until you feel your need as a minister.

Most all ministers believe loosely in the gospel and its mission (so do most professing Christians believe in Christ), but while they thus believe so many live and feel and act as if there are other things of more importance. They seem to have caught the spirit of the one who said, At some more convenient day. Many and most all people of Christian nations believe in the existence of God and His government, but act as if there were no God or as if He had no right to govern. Many ministers know that there is a God and they know that He has a Church. They know that His Church has bishops, deacons, evangelist and teachers. They know that His Church has those who are to rule. They know that His Church has government. They know that without bishops, teachers, rulers, and government they cannot have a scriptural church, and yet they live and act as if there were no government, no rulers. They would absolutely and flatly refuse to recognize or respect any part of the scriptures that any body of people only in a loose way. They believe in a loose church or they believe generally and loosely in church of some kind or any kind, and they live and act in a way that their actions plainly tell us that they are a loose and almost lost bunch. You know that as long as you keep the nuts tight on your car they will not lose off, but when you hear a rattling noise it is time to look about your machine. And when you see one of the loose ministers, loose about holiness, loose on government, loose on obedience, oh just a good loose kind that every one can turn, you may know that he has let part of the scriptures pass thru the surface of his mind and when one preaches a red hot, old time, Holy Ghost sermon on sanctification or any other concrete Bible subject he says, I don't believe we ought to make it so straight that the folks can't live it. Brother, sister, if you will meditate on the Word of God as you should, you will lay it down as it is without any apology, neither will you seek any applause. It is God's Word and it is demon fight, heaven high, and devil strong. There is no looseness about it and every scripture is dependent on the other for its support. If we allow ourselves to look at the power or authority of the Church in a loose way, why not let us look at the rapture in a loose way? Why not look at the resurrection in a loose way? Why not treat drunkenness in a loose way? Why not look upon smoking, cursing, lying, and every other devilish indulgence in a loose way? The reason you bear down on some of these things is because you have meditated on the Word that exposes the evil therein. You have become powerfully moved as the power and influence of the Word went down into the deepest of your thought-life, stirring you to move, live, act, and speak out against those evils.

It is while the minister is in a spirit of meditation that the importance, height, breadth, and depth of the Word comes to him. It is in meditation that the importance of doctrine and the methods and motives are presented to him. It is when scripture is often deeply pondered and revolved in the thought-life that it comes home to the soul, it is then that it effects the heart, it is then that we begin to fear or hope, to mourn and rejoice, to desire and to loathe, to seek and to shun, to respect and obey. Then after he has had a clear conception of the blessedness of obeying the truth and the fearfulness of disobedience of the truth that he will fill the pulpit and preach with feeling that which he feels. Then it is that others will begin to meditate and talk of his preaching and the scriptures that he has quoted. Then it is that his ministry will be effective. God pity the minister who becomes satisfied with shallow surface thinking for he will have a shallow surface talking, shallow surface conduct, and shallow surface results will follow his endeavors.

MEDITATION A GOOD HABIT

That which is often repeated becomes by nature more and more interesting and necessary, and acquires therefore a daily increasing power over man. So the minister that will meditate upon the things of the Bible, ponder his path, will soon become so habited to this good work that he will feel out of harmony with his own best

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God Will Help Us In Time of Need

BRUNSWICK, Ga.— I'm praising God for what He is to me. He is all I need. I am still saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. Sometime back my husband got sick and could not swallow. We got a doctor and he said his throat was paralyzed. I called some of the church people. We prayed several times and God healed him. I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify to his healing through the Evangel. The devil does not want me to do what I promised to do but in spite of Old Splitfoot I will do it by the help of the Lord.

There is not any church here. There was a church here with only a few members, with just two men. The women could not keep the work up so the devil got in and tore it up but there is a few true blue Church of God members here yet. We have no church in which to preach but we are asking God to fix for us a place and I believe He will. Brother J. W. Murray comes down from Jesup, Ga. and preaches for us under Brother Gault's tent but we would feel better if we had a place of our own. I ask all who read this to pray that God will give us a place and some willing workers for this place and a band of people on fire for God for we surely need them. I heard once that a preacher said if anything stayed in Brunswick a year they would backslide, but I have been here nearly five years and I have got victory yet. Although the way seems dark and the clouds gather thick and low, God is so good and merciful. When we stop and ask Him for help victory comes. I started to make heaven my home about sixteen years ago and I have got the determination I had when I started. It looks like sometimes it is all we can do to stand but God has power to help in time of need. I need your prayers for I have a lot of trials. The devil has me down in my body. He thinks he can keep me from enjoying the good blessings of God, but in spite of him I get blessed. I have high blood pressure. I want all of you to pray for God to heal me if it is His will and pray for my children to come this way before it is too late. Also pray for my daughter-in-law that the Lord will heal her and pray that my husband will get the Holy Ghost. He is sixty-seven years old. You see he needs the Holy Ghost. God knows my heart and I am looking up. Glory to God! Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus. Don't forget to pray a special prayer for me to be healed and that I may be found at my post of duty when He calls for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. E. H. Dixon, 2422 Harwick St.

I KNOW IT IS RIGHT

SUMMIT, Ga.—I am thanking God because I am still on this side of eternity, saved, sanctified, and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. I mean by God's help to press on. It is not in my mind to turn back to the pleasures of this world. I have my mind on Jesus and want to keep it there. I love the great Church of God and its teachings because I know it is right.

I thank God for our pastor, Brother James Robert, for I do believe he is a true blue Church of God, Holy Ghost filled preacher called of God to go in the world and preach His Word. That is what he does and that is what we need, the Word of God. I asked God with a believing heart to send us a pastor here who would not mind hardships and who was out for lost souls. I never saw Brother Robert until he came to Aaron to pastor this church. When I heard him preach and saw how humble he was I told the saints we did not have the one we called but we had the one God had sent. The people like Brother Roberts and I believe God will give him souls for his labor.

We have a good Wednesday night prayer meeting and our pastor is with us. The Lord is blessing. We are going to begin a Sunday School right away. Brother G. E. Poole and his wife are here. They are on fire for God. I believe Aaron church has been on a standstill long enough and that it will rise and shine for the glory of God. All who read this please pray that God will bless and save sinners from sin.

Pray for me to be humble, doing the little things in the great Church of God that would be pleasing to God.—Mrs. Hattie Crews, clerk of Aaron church.

Keep Your Mind On The Goal

MILO, Tenn.—I am glad I can report victory in my soul just now. I am praising the Lord because I am saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the Church of God. He promised never to leave or forsake us if we just put our trust in Him. Let us not let the enemy overcome us or get us discouraged. Let's keep our eyes and mind on Jesus. He will go with us to the end.

The Lord is blessing us in a wonderful way at Webbs Chapel church. We have been blessed with a good lively Sunday School. We had all day service on the fourth Sunday in January. We observed the Lord's supper and feet washing.

We are real proud of our pastor, C. T. Gentry, and wife. They surely have the work at heart. God is wonderfully blessing their efforts. We have preaching service every second and fourth Sundays in each month and prayer meeting every Thursday night. We began having our prayer meetings in homes but the crowd has grown so large we have moved back to the church. Some have been saved and two received the Holy Ghost. Others are seeking. We believe many are looking this way.

Dear saints, let's do our best for Jesus for truly the harvest is great and the labourers are few. Let us pray that the Lord will send more laborers into the vineyard. We trust the Lord for both soul and body. We pay tithes and offerings. Truly the signs are following as the Lord said in Mark 16:17. Let us not doubt Him who has said, I will never leave nor forsake thee.

In John 15:7 He has said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Let's abide in Him and ask Him for greater things. Believing we will receive them and forgetting the things that are behind and look unto the things which are ahead, we will press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. If in this life only we have hope in Christ we would be of all men most miserable, but we have a hope of sometimme obtaining a home in heaven.

Everyone who reads this please pray a special prayer for the Church of God at Webbs Chapel that it may rise and shine for Jesus.—Your brother, J. N. Thurmon.

Husband, Wife, Five Sons, and One Daughter Have Holy Ghost

LINDEN, Fla.—I praise God because we can report victory under the blood. Today still finds me saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and a member of the dear old Church of God. I expect to press the battle through. I thank God for sending Brother and Sister Hubbell and Sister Mary Mitchell to Linden to run a revival. The Lord certainly did bless in a wonderful way. Many souls were saved, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost.

My husband, five sons, one daughter, and I all have the Holy Ghost. Oh my heart is full of glory and joy unspeakable. We want to stay in the center of His will and be ready to go when He comes or calls.

I praise Him for healing power. I know He can heal. The enemy tries me hard on divine healing. I desire the prayers of all the saints for me to get victory and faith to trust the Lord for my healing completely.

I praise the Lord for the opportunity of having Brother and Sister Baldree for our pastor. Brother Baldree certainly has done a wonderful work here. We think lots of them.

I praise God for the Young People's Endeavor, Sunday School, and prayer meetings. We want to do more for our precious Savior this year than we have done before.

Pray for me and my family that we will be a light for Jesus at home and everywhere.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. S. Franklin.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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EDITORIALS

To those who are inquiring: Brother S. J. Heath died of pneumonia.

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To those who are expecting to order Sunday School literature: We are now mailing orders. Please do not wait until the last of the month to send in your order but send it in today and avoid the rush.

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We have been informed by the company with whom our ministers carry protection that they have only thirty days of grace after their premiums are due. We wish to advise those who might be behind with their premiums to send same at once.

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In sending obituaries, please make them as short as possible as space in the Evangel is limited. We have many good, inspiring testimonies that we are not able to get in on account of limited space. And we are getting many wonderful reports that we are crowding thru the paper as fast as we possibly can.

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We are getting many letters asking us to print songs with music. All those who want songs printed with music will have to furnish regular music plates. These plates cost $7.50 each. We can only do the printing and cannot make the plate.

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Many good reports are still coming in from revivals all over the different states. Here is a card from T. P. Douglas:

"You may say thru the paper that a revival started here Sunday evening, March 8, with Brother Earl Paulk, evangelist, in charge. Six have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and many others are seeking. The best spirit prevails here in the meeting that we have seen in many days."

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TRUE ACTIVITY NEVER FAILS

No true work since the world began was ever wasted; no true life since the world began has ever failed. Oh, understand those two perverted words, "failure" and "success," and measure them by the eternal, not the earthly, standard. When after thirty obscure, toilsome, unrecorded years in the shop of the village carpenter, one came forth to be preeminently the man of sorrows, to wander from city to city in homeless labors, and to expire in lonely agony upon the shameful cross—Was that a failure? Nay, my brethren, it was the death of Him who lived that we might follow His footsteps; it was the life, it was the death, of the Son of God.—Sel.

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During the last week we received $73.66 for subscriptions for the Evangel. Mrs. C. L. Whitlow sent five; Delbert Carder, five; C. B. Huff, five; U. H. Corley, five; Geo. Bailey, four; D. F. Baldree, four; Jesse Danehower, four; N. L. Thompson, four; and J. A. Muncy, four.

The Way Grows Better

STONE BRANCH, W.Va.—A revival began Feb. 5 and closed Feb. 15. S. B. McCane, pastor at Lax, W. Va., was in charge. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Eighteen were saved, four sanctified, and four are seeking the Holy Ghost. I praise God for the old man and woman receiving the light who are willing to walk in it. I believe Stone Branch will rise and shine for the Lord. One old woman said she had lived under a burden for fifty-three years and had just found the Lord. I praise God for our pastor at Lax, Brother S. B. McCane. The Lord blesses his work wherever he goes. I thank God because I was added to the great Church of God seven years ago. The way grows better day by day.—Mrs. Millie Adkins.

Notices & Specials

The state assembly of the Church of God in North and South Dakota will convene in Plaza, N. Dak. from June 28 thru July 5, 1931.—Paul H. Walker, state overseer.

The Church of God at Cincinnati, O. would like to hear from the following members concerning their whereabouts and spiritual condition: James R. Tucker, Evert H. Inman, Colmon Cuick, Bruce Lonison, Laura Inman, Fannie Bailey. It is important that you report for if these don't report between now and April 5, they will be dropped from our list. Also the evangelists who have their membership here, it is necessary for you to report at once if you have not been reporting. —Flotus A. Coffey, clerk, 951 Martin St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Campaign, Tenn. district convention will convene at McMinnville, Tenn. May 8 to 10. Our state overseer, Brother A. Gann, will be with us, also we will expect a delegation from all the churches in the district, especially the pastors, clerks and deacons. You who are expecting to be licensed or ordained for the ministry, be sure to be present. We also invite all who read this and can come to come. You will be welcome. This convention is to be held at the court house.—T. A. Richard, district overseer.

We are here at Plantersville, Ala. in a battle against sin and the devil. This is a new place for holiness and the Church of God. We have no place to hold service and Sunday School except in dwelling houses and we haven't room to let everybody pray that God will move on hearts here and there to help us get the work scattered abroad. We are looking for our State Overseer, Brother B. L. Hicks, just as soon as the weather permits. We have good crowds but of course they have never heard before that they could be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. If you can come and help us, come, but if you can't, send your prayers up for us. We only want real Church of God material.

There are a great many colored folks in here and the Baptist preacher is liking our paper and asking questions about the Church. We would be glad some good colored brother or sister filled with the Holy Ghost could come and hold a meeting for the colored folks. We feel much good could be done.—R. S. and Minnie Duke.

WANTED.—To hear from some minister and wife who have a dependable car and who would be interested in transporting three small children, ages two, three, and five years, from a point near Atlanta, Ga. to Arizona or California for expenses. Reference required.—Simmie Tapley, Box 365, Blythe, Calif.

If it pleases the Lord, I will be in the evangelistic work this season. If you have a hard or dead place that that others don't want to go to, let me know. I am at your service. It will only cost you my transportation. —Your brother in Jesus, S. J. Mullins, Arjay, Ky.

It is here requested that all clerks have their reports written with pen or typed, at this seventh annual convention.—T. R. Thurston, clerk, Miami, Fla.—(Col.)

The Pennsylvania state convention will convene at Somerset, Pa., in "Edgewood Park," June 24-28.—H. W. Poteat, State Overseer.

To the Churches of God in Pennsylvania: At this particular time I feel it necessary to urge each minister in my territory to raise the required amount of five per cent of the net total of tithes received into each local church. We have never failed so far and I believe every pastor will cooperate with me so that we will again go over the top.—H. W. Poteat, State Overseer.

There will be a home coming day at the Church of God at Twila, Ky. Mar. 29. We will observe the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We want all the members of the church here to be present. If for any reason you can't be with us, please write us a good letter telling about your spiritual condition. We are expecting some of the saints from Middlesboro, Harlan, Lynch, Cawood, Yancey, Evarts, and other places, so everybody come who can, and enjoy a feast of good things from the presence of the Lord. Everybody pray for us and that the Lord will save many souls during the revival that started the 12th.—Yours for lost souls, B. H. Enix.

The Arizona state convention will convene at Globe, Ariz. May 1-3, the Lord willing.—J. H. Ingram, State Overseer.

The California state convention will convene at Baldwin Park, Calif. May 8-10, the Lord willing.—J. H. Ingram, State Overseer.

To the pastors, district pastors and others who would like to have me come and help in a meeting anywhere in Tennessee or adjoining states, you may write me and let me know. I am doing evangelistic work this year. I have a good line of music which is enjoyed by every one.—Address me Lon Price, Rt. 1, Box 101, Erwin, Tenn.

Bethel Church of God at Melrose will have all day service March 29. We are expecting to have some good speakers and singing. Everybody welcome. B. W. Roberts, Lake Park, Ga., Rt. 3, Box 21.

There will be an Easter program and home coming day at the Church of God at Marietta, Ga. Easter Sunday. Everybody come and have a good time in the Lord.—Mary R. Wheeler, secretary and treasurer, 611 Stewart Ave., Marietta, Ga.

The Church of God at Kannapolis, N. C. will have home coming day Sunday, March 29. We insist on every member being present. If you are too far away to come, please have a letter there to be read.—J. M. Snyder, pastor, Box 597, Kannapolis, N. C.

There will be home coming day at Poplar Grove Church of God the first Sunday in May. Everybody is invited to come. Come and let's have a good feast from the Lord. We expect our state overseer to be with us. Bring your lunch and we will stay all day.—J. B. Lindley, pastor, Poplar Grove, Ark.

We will have home coming day Easter Sunday if the Lord is willing. We will have an all day service with dinner on the ground. Sunday afternoon we are expecting to have the string band from Rock Hill, S. C. with us. At seven o'clock the Y. P. E. will put on a program, "The Resurrection of Our Savior," which will be followed by communion and feet washing. We desire the prayers of all who read this for this special occasion. We want all who can to be sure and come and witness this event. You are welcome to our church at all times. As we all know home coming day is dollar day and we would that you all attend our service Easter Sunday. We are going to use the money raised on this occasion to pay on the indebtedness of the church.—L. H. Powell, pastor, Winnsboro, S. C.

The Church of God at Blue Springs, Ala. wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members by the first Saturday night in April. If not heard from by then, your names will be dropped from the list. Sisters Tavie Carriel, Hellen Carriel, Syble Prichett, Susie Eluett, Brother Earl Eluett.—Ola Starnes, clerk, Blountsville, Ala., Rt. 1.

The Augusta district convention will convene at the Church of God in Augusta, Ga., 1829 Telafare St., on the first Saturday night and Sunday in April. Our state overseer will be with us. We are looking for a good time in Zion that day. There will be dinner on the ground Sunday. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring a full basket and let's have a soul feast.—G. B. Langford, pastor, 1826 Hicks St., Augusta, Ga.

Having been officially appointed to fill the unexpired term of our highly appreciated and well beloved Brother S. J. Heath, I take this method of getting in touch with the churches and ministers of the state. I want to hear from each minister in the state as early as possible in regard to your field of labor. I want to know if you are pastoring, serving as district overseer, doing evangelistic work, or if you have any work at all. The assembly year is fast speeding away and we all need to work together for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Let us all work hard from now until the Assembly and see what the results will be.

I want to hear from each local church as to who your pastor is. If there are any churches that are not supplied with pastors, please let me hear from you and if you know of some one you think would suit your place, please give his name and address.

District overseers, in arranging your district conventions you would do me a favor if you could conveniently arrange to have them on the first, second or fifth Sundays in the month as I am doing some pastoral work and my time is always taken up on the third and fourth Sundays. Do not let this request conflict with arrangements already made, or if it is inconvenient for you to have your district meeting on the days mentioned, you may arrange it otherwise.

I trust that love, truth and unity will bind us together until our prayers and efforts will be as the prayers and efforts of one man and that we may have the hearty cooperation of every one who desires to see the Church of God move forward in the state of Mississippi.

My permanent address is Dixon, Miss. Any time my service is needed I shall be glad to serve you.—Humbly your fellowservant and brother, G. G. Williams, overseer of Mississippi.

To the ministers, churches and members of the Church of God in Mich.: On account of the ever-increasing demand for our time in Detroit as pastor of the church here and especially since the great revival that God has given us for the past eighteen weeks (which is still continuing), we find it impossible for us to give the necessary time to the statework, therefore, after prayerful consideration and consulting with the General Overseer we have appointed Brother Carl R. Cook of 306 Midway St., Pontiac, Mich. as our assistant. He will be in complete charge of all the state work outside of Detroit. Please write him about anything that you would formerly have taken up with me. Brother Cook is a man of wisdom and will do anything he can for the advancement of the Church of God. Church treasurers will please send him the portion of the tithes that go to the state overseer, beginning with the March tithes. He will arrange to visit the churches and places where there are prospects for a church at his earliest convenience.

Assuring you that we still have the interest of the state work at heart, and that we have done this because we think it best for the work, I am your coworker, M. P. Cross, overseer of Michigan.

Our revival started last night, the 8th. The presence of God was wonderful and several were in the altar. Some were saved and sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost the first night. —Earl P. Paulk, evangelist, T. M. McClendon, pastor, 856 N. W. 30th St., Miami, Fla.

We are in a revial at this time. Brother and Sister Clarence Florence are with us. The meeting has just been going one week. Brother Florence is a good preacher preaching the Bible plain and we feel we will have a good meeting. Everyone who reads this please pray that the Lord will save, sanctify and baptize many with the Holy Ghost. —Your brother in Christ, C. A. Scogin, Urbana, Ill.

Any one knowing the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following please notify the church at Urbana, Ill., C. A. Scogin, clerk, Rt. 3: Brother George H. Adams, Sister Grace Adams, Sister Ruby Spain, Brother Joe Martin. Unless we hear from these before our next business meeting on the first Monday night in April they will be dropped from our list.—C. A. Scogin, clerk.

I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost and desire to travel for the Lord. I am a girl sixteen years of age. I have been playing the piano ever since I was about six years of age. I have been playing for sometime with the Church of God string band. I would like to travel with some responsible man and wife as pianist. For reference write Brother J. P. Hughes, pastor, or any one at Eldorado.—Your sister in Christ, Juanita Lloyd, 1412 Eldorado, St., Eldorado, Ill.

There will be an all day meeting and dinner at the church at Beasley Chapel on Easter, April 5. Sister Louise Evans will begin a revial to continue as long as the Lord leads. We are calling the week of April 5-12 "Home coming week." We will hold our conference at the close of the revival and take sacrament and wash the saints' feet. Please pray for the Memphis district and the district pastor.—J. H. Morgan, 2999 Park Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

REQUESTS

Pray for my unsaved husband.—Mrs. Dollie Stallings, 317 W. 16th St., Anniston, Ala.

I request the saints to pray for my husband and me to be saved. We are both backsliders but have decided to live for the Lord.—Mrs. M. E. Carter, Lumber City, Ga.

Please pray for the Lord to heal my body for His glory. I am an evangelist in the Church of God and my health is bad. Pray that God will deliver me from all afflictions. I am trusting Him for my body.—G. W. Helmick, Box 33, Metz, W. Va.

I ask the saints of God everywhere to pray for us, pray that God will bless my husband with work as he hasn't had any work in three months. Also pray a special prayer for our little baby. It has a breaking out of some kind. We live so far from any of the saints since our little church has been disbanded here and don't ever get to be in services. Pray that God will send some one here for this is surely a needy field. Pray for us to be overcomers for Jesus.—Your humble sister in the Lord, Mrs. Pleas Richters, Rt. 3, Colorado, Tex.

I want the saints to pray for my father, that the Lord will save him before it is too late. Pray for me, that I will ever go on with my blessed Savior and do His precious will at all times, willing and ready to obey Him. Pray that I will receive the blessed Holy Ghost.—Your humble sister, Roena Bradshaw, Erwin, N. C.

I thank the Lord for what He means to me. I had trouble with my ears ever since I was a little girl and would do them any good. I was almost deaf. The Lord has healed them and I can hear almost as good as anybody. We have a little Church of God Sunday School here with about thirty in attendance. We are expecting larger crowds when the weather gets pretty.

Pray a special prayer for me and my husband and family,, that we may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If any Church of God folks come thru here, call on us. You will find a welcome in our home.—Mrs. R. M. Morgan, Box 406, Andrews, N. C.

Please pray that I will be healed of a throat trouble and pray that me and my family will be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—Maggie Parker, Birchwood, Tenn.

I praise the Lord for salvation. I request the sincere prayers of all of God's people for the healing of my body. I'm afflicted in some serious way and desire your prayers. Pray also for my husband to have his strength back, also his eyesight restored.—Yours in Jesus' name, Mrs. D. W. Murray, 1009 N. 3rd St., Wilmington, N. C.

I ask all the saints to pray for my home. My parents and whole family are lost. I am the only one out of six girls, one boy, father and mother who is saved. It seems a miracle to me that God picked me up and saved me when there is father, mother and two sisters older than I who are still unsaved. Pray that I might keep humble and true at Jesus' feet.—One of God's children, Victoria Carroll, Blacksburg, S.C.

I have a dear friend who has cancer of the stomach and is in a very bad condition. I request the prayers of all who read this for his recovery.

If any one who reads this has been divinely healed of cancer, I would be glad if you would write and tell your experience to Brother W. H. Cox, Dixon, Miss. He is a dear man of God, a member of the Church of God and a blessing to it. He needs help and will appreciate it.—His pastor, G. G. Williams.

Please pray that the Lord will heal Sister Cale as she has nervous indigestion and low blood pressure. Also pray for the work here that it will rise and shine and that many souls will get saved.—Your sister in the Lord, Louise Porter, 11 Frost St., Pelzer, S. C.

I request the prayers of the saints for my eyes. I am losing my sight. I am trusting the dear Lord to heal me and give me perfect sight again.—A sister in Christ, Miss Susie Williams, 2414 W. Roosevelt, Rd., Chicago, Ill.

I thank the Lord for salvation. I am still trusting the Lord with both soul and body. I had chills and fever three months and He healed me. Pray for the church at Davisboro. Pray that God will send us a preacher.—A brother in Christ, Tombs Bridges, Rt. B, Gibson, Ga.

I am a child of God and belong to the dear Church of God. I have had the precious Holy Ghost nearly seven years. Jesus is my healer. I am requesting prayer for the healing of my sister's body. She has cancer. I know He is able. She has been touched thru prayer but not completely healed. I really believe He will heal her. Pray for my loved ones who are unsaved, also for our little church.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Maggie Cox, Paxton, Ind.

I am glad I can still say I am enjoying salvation. I thank the Lord for healing me. I want all who know the worth of prayer to pray for this community that the Lord will give us a mighty revival that many lost souls might see the light and come in before it is too late. Pray for me that I might do what the Lord wants me to do.—An humble sister in Christ, Ursilla McCall, clerk, Cashiers, N. C.

I praise the Lord for salvation but ask the saints to pray that I might get closer to the Lord and have stronger faith in divine healing. Pray for my husband to get salvation. He is a believer. I have other loved ones whom I want to come to Jesus. I desire your prayers.—Mrs. Opal Shahan, Birchwood, Tenn.

I praise the Lord for all He is to me. I love Him for His tender mercies and great power. I have dropsy and He has touched my body. When the saints prayed the pores in my skin from my knees down opened and the dropsy water came out. Bless the Lord! I believe Jesus did it. Though I am not yet completely healed I believe I will be. Please pray that the dear Lord will heal me completely so I can play the piano for papa in the service of the Savior. I am fifteen years old. My natural weight is ninety-one pounds. Before the Lord touched me it was almost two hundred. My weight now is about one hundred. May the Lord bless all who read this and give you a prayer for me. Papa needs me in the work for the Lord. Our lives are given to Him. Pray that we will keep consecrated.—Your little sister under the blood, Vera Mae Ash, Bridgeport, Ill.

I am living at Berea, Ky. where there is no Church of God people close. Oh how hungry I get sometimes to be in a good Church of God meeting. If any of the dear saints in Ohio read this, please pray for me and my family. Pray that God may help us to know His will and do just what He would have us to. Pray that I may live good and humble. I want to go to heaven where there is no trouble and sorrows. I love the Church of God saints. I have been reading the Evangel and oh how it feeds my soul. May the dear Lord bless one and all.—Your unworthy brother in Christ, James Wylie.

I want every saint to join me in prayer for the healing of my eyes, also a skin disease which the doctors say is incurable. Pray for a brother to be healed of a chronic disease of long standing. Pray for my lost brothers, sisters, daughters, nieces and nephews to be saved before it is too late.

If any one feels led to come to Whitewright, come, for it is a needy place for the true gospel.—Your sister in Christ, Eliza Miller, South Bond St., Whitewright, Tex.

The devil is doing everything in his power to make me go back to the world but I want to work for Jesus and make heaven my home. Pray that I might receive the Holy Ghost soon and stand true to Jesus.—A sister in Jesus, Emma Washek, Lewistown, Mont.

Please pray that the Lord will heal my eyes so I can see how to read the Bible. The Lord saved me and added me to the church. Pray that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Orbrey Stephens, Altoona, Ala.

I ask the saints of God everywhere to pray for my baby to be healed. I believe the Lord will heal him. I am saved and sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost. Pray for my unsaved husband and for my father to get saved. He's in the way. Pray for my mother to grow stronger in the Lord. Sometimes I get so lonesome as I can't get to go to church. Pray for me to grow stronger in the Lord.—Mrs. Nancy Bell York, Alarka, N. C.

I praise the dear Lord for His goodness to me. In December He wonderfully healed me of fistula for which I thank and praise Him. Now I am afflicted with high blood pressure and kidney trouble but God can heal all our diseases. I am asking all who read this to pray for me to be healed. Also pray for the dear Lord to have His way with me. I am away from any Church of God or any of the saints but I am glad Jesus said He would never leave us or forsake us. I need your prayers.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. J. W. Parker, Venice, Fla.

I thank the Lord that I am where my soul is enlarged daily in righteousness and I am at the feet of Jesus humbling myself that I might have more abundant grace in my heart. I ask all the saints to pray for us that we may keep our light shining that when the Lord shall call for us He may find us in our place. I also ask prayer for my long afflicted mother, that if it is the Lord's will she may be healed, for nothing is too hard for Him.—A sister, Zetelia Samuels, Dry Harbour, Jamaica, B. W. I.

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The Minister And His Meditation

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judgment unless he can give some time to it every day. The habit of meditation will gain strength and will acquire the control of his conduct. The influence of habit seems to be inwrought. The drunkard is able to resist all motives and stick to the drink bottle because of the force of habit, the idler to his sloth, the swearer to his profaneness, the thief to his stealing, and all other sinners to their respective iniquities. So does the devout Christian overcome the most powerful temptation, constantly advancing in the Christian warfare, for as he or she works, suffers, or serves, they keep their minds stayed on the Lord. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and therein do they meditate day and night. He or she is like a tree that is planted by the river, their leaf doth not wither and they bring forth their fruit in their season. The Word of God being quick and powerful will produce such feelings that one can hardly behave. It seems that I will have to rise and run over the church building as I sit here and write. I am now at Tarpon Springs sitting where the choir will sit in about three hours. The habit of meditating on the goodness of the Lord will cause one to talk of the goodness of the Lord. The habit of meditating on the faults of others will cause one to talk of the faults of others. The habit of singing at home will cause one to want to sing when they go to church. So the habit of meditating with the ministers, it will gain such control over his thought-life until when ugly and base thoughts try to enter, better thoughts will chase them away. You let a minister sit around and think on blue things and view his congregation in a criticizing and pessimistic way in his meditation and he will unload on that congregation. On the other hand, let him look on the bright side, let him think and ponder his work as that of a worker with God, and that God will supply all his needs according to God's riches, let him live in the sunshine in his meditation and he will find that it will drive darkness out of his conduct. Let him think on his ways as a pastor or an evangelist and see that he is to be an example in word and in deed, in conversation, in charity, in faith, in humility, in suffering, and in serving. Let him think, If I prove faithful, what a reward I will get at the end of the way, possibly five or ten cities to rule over, a crown of life, name immortalized with those of Abraham, Issac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Elijah, Samuel, Daniel, Peter, James, John, Paul, and millions more that I cannot call just now but will see when my course is finished. This ought to drive out of every minister every slothful, doubting, fault finding, pessimistic spirit, and it should drive every true blue, God fearing, soul loving minister to his task until the Lord says, Enough, come up higher. Oh, dear minister, give thyself wholly to meditation and ministry of the Word.

The World Depression

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duct? What we most need is men and women who are more concerned about getting back to God than about bettering business conditions. It is time for the Christian people to awake. We know the supreme need of the people. Sin is the great bane of our race. There is only one panacea for sin and that is found in the atoning gospel of Christ.

There is nothing that will permanently correct our trouble except a religious awakening. The Christian era has not known a time when a great revival was more sorely needed than right now. If our Bible is true (and we believe it is), we ministers hold the key that can open the door to better things, and WE MUST MEET THE ISSUE. What the minister of God (and workers in His cause) do during the next year is of greater importance than all that the president, congress, and the "money masters" can do.

Webster tells us that putrefaction is a state of decay, being rotten, and that stamina is the fixed firm part of a body, or chief strength of support (backbone). Now let me put it like this: Has the nation enough real stamina to cleanse itself of the putrefaction with which it is packed? No, emphatically no, not without help of God, and how will He help unless earnestly called upon? If a real, New Testament revival would sweep the universe, how quickly things would be readjusted towards God. Men and women would turn their attention toward the Lord and give due honor and thanks to the great God of heaven. Then and only then will we be really ready for the return of prosperity. We are always ready to call upon the Lord for help in times of sorrow(peril, distress of any kind), but should we wait for something like this to come before we seek help from Him? We need His help and guidance at all times. He is a jealous God. He has always been, and always will be. Why shouldn't we heed and obey Him before disease, pestilence, and various other forms of His wrath have to be poured out upon us? If it took poverty and hard times in Elijah's day to turn people back to God, perhaps it will have to come again. We as God's people should pray for a real, spiritual awakening everywhere and then can prosperity safely return.

No Trouble To Get Hungry Seekers to Altar

It is with a glad heart and a word of praise this beautiful morning that I write a sketch of our meeting which just closed at Cherokee Falls, S. C. It ran four weeks. Brother W. E. Raney, the pastor, was with us one week of the meeting.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in this revival. The altar was filled most every night with hungry seekers. Twenty-five were saved, nineteen sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost, two came into the church, and more are to come in later.

The revival was in the Union church at Cherokee. The main features of it were unity and fellowship and love. Never before have we witnessed a meeting like this. Such unity, and fellowship among the good people! All the mill officials attended this revival and seemed to enjoy it very much. From the beginning it was no trouble to get the hungry seekers to the altar and as the power would fall they would soon pray through and shout the victory.

On Saturday night before the meeting closed Sunday we had all gathered, after service, in Brother Patterson's home to pray. One young girl fell under the power and lay until four o'clock Sunday morning. She came up with the Holy Ghost, shouting and praising God. This revival will be long remembered by those who were present.

We certainly appreciate having the good people with us from Blacksburg to help us in the meeting, also the good folks from Gaffney and Rock Hill.

I certainly thank the good people at Cherokee for the way they stood by Sister Myrtle and me with their means. I enjoyed every hour I spent in Cherokee. The meeting closed Jan. 31 with handshakes and good-byes. It was sad to have to say good-bye. The parting with our friends brings heartaches and pain. We will make our last move some day where we will never part again. We are now in a meeting at Winnsboro, S. C. and desire your prayers that God will give us many souls at this place.—Your sister in the battle for Jesus, Pauline Jackson.

God Opens The Way In Ridgway

RIDGWAY, Ill.—We have just closed a twenty-four days' meeting at Ridgway, Ill., in which the Lord has been wonderfully working. The Eldorado string band assisted, also Sister Laura White at Eldorado assisted in singing, and other Eldorado folks helped in the altar services. Sister Morris of this city, a good Baptist member, gave me her assistance as pianist and also loaned us her piano. She received the light on sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and received the blessing. Brother Ross Glover of Equality, Ill. led the testimony services and the Lord wonderfully gave us an outpouring of the power. The village of Ridgway and surrounding country was moved and conviction seized upon the hearts of men and women who didn't know God. The church building was crowded beyond its capacity every night and a great number were outside who couldn't get in.

Our pastor, Brother W. A. Summers of Harrisburg, Ill., did all the preaching. He certainly did preach some soul stirring sermons. Thirty-two were saved, eighteen sanctified, eighteen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as a Bible evidence according to Acts 2:4. Twenty-three were added to the church. The first one saved was a man of seventy years of age who never knew God before.

We closed the meeting with great victory. The revival spirit is still on. We want to thank the officers of the city for their kindness and courtesy toward us, and the public in general for their kindness and cooperation in every respect. All who read this please pray that the Lord will always have His right of way in the Church of God in Ridgway and will continue to smile upon the people of this place and many more will walk in the light.—Your brother, Lon Smith.

Men and Women Crying Unto the Lord

W. PRESTONBURG, Ky.—I am in a successful revival at this place. We are preaching in a Pentecostal Church of God. The meeting began Feb. 8. Everybody says this is the best revival they have ever had here. There are large crowds such as to make people fear that the foundation of the church will give way. The church is thirty by seventy feet and is crowded every service. Men and women from every walk of life come crying, Lord, save me. People of different denominations are coming right to the front shouting and singing. This is the old time religion. About twelve or fourteen have been saved and above four have received the Holy Ghost. Twelve were in the altar last night. Pray for me and for this revival.—Your brother under the blood, Jesse Sutherland, Nigh, Ky.

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It is difficult to realize that only four short weeks, including this one, are to elapse, then another term of Bible School will be in history. Many advantages have been enjoyed this term that were not available for the students prior to the arrangements for the musical instruction and commercial course. These special studies have proven very satisfactory.

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Rehearsal on the program to be presented the nights of April 9th and 10th has begun in earnest now, as the other drama for the two-night entertainment has been selected. Every one is especially invited to be present.

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HAPPENINGS IN B. T. S.

The school was favored last Wednesday with a lecture by Brother Payne, on Prophecy. It was beautifully illustrated by two charts depicting the two different stages of the beasts spoken of in Prophecy; the first beast, a six headed one, having the appearance of a leopard. Then the last picture portrayed the beast in the culmination of its power, with the addition of the seventh head.

The second play and its characters have been selected. This play, a strictly Biblical one, is entitled "Opened Eyes." We believe that it will be a great success, as it will be one that all Bible readers can appreciate.

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The quartet is still having calls. Sunday they visited in Atlanta. They report excellent services both morning and evening at the Church of God. In the afternoon they were invited to the city Singing Convention. Here they were introduced by Prof. Henson. The people gave vent to their appreciation of good singing by raising such cheering applause during the second stanza of "Naturalized for Heaven" that our boys had to call a halt until the enthusiasm had subsided.

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Last Friday evening we were entertained during prayer meeting by the quartet, which rendered some extraordinary selections for the homefolk. This was a special treat, as the boys rarely have the opportunity of being with us.

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The eighteenth week exams are over and we are starting on the final run for the end of another successful term of B. T. S. A few of the students seem anxious for the close, but we wonder why the seniors try to evade the subject when this is mentioned.

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The Y. P. E. is progressing nicely. Last Sunday evening we were favored by a duet from Brother C. M. Truesdell and Brother Glyndon Logsdon.

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Brother J. W. Pitcher from Baltimore, Md. was a visitor at the school one night last week, and sang some special numbers, including his own compositions, upon request. We were delighted to have him with us.

Thelma Brannin, reporter.

Seventeen Came Into The Church

GLAMORGAN, Va.—Just a few words to tell you how the Lord is blessing in Virginia. We opened fire on the enemy Jan. 18 with Sister Vesta Swanson doing most of the preaching. The Word surely went forth with power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. She seemed to be at her best for the Lord and worked faithfully for three weeks. The enemy afflicted her body. She was forced to remain in bed for sometime but our God gave the victory and she is out again. Thank the Lord!

We also had our beloved State Overseer with us for a few days. He gave out some wonderful messages which were enjoyed by all present. Brother Gordon Freeman was with us one night. The Lord blessed him in giving out His Word.

The meeting closed Feb. 15 with fifteen saved, eight sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and quite a number reclaimed. Eleven were baptized in water by the writer and seventeen came into the Church of God. I surely love the dear old state of Virginia. There are some fine people here. Pray much for the work and for us.—Yours in the Lord, E. R. Williams.

I LOVE THE CHURCH OF GOD

KEMPTON, W. Va.—My husband and I are both members of the Church of God and love her teachings. We also love the little Evangel paper and look forward to it as a blessing each week and as we have no Church of God at Kempton it takes the place of a preacher in our home. We were both saved and sanctified in the Methodist church over two years ago and did not have the light on the Holy Ghost until over four months ago when the dear Lord sent Brother R. L. Rexrode to Pierce, about four and one half miles from here, to preach the Gospel. We heard about the revival and went up. The first night we went Brother Rexrode preached about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and this was the first time I had ever heard it preached so plain. Up until this time I thought I had the baptism, but praise the Lord, in a couple of nights after that the Lord gave me the light on holiness and I began to ask Him to baptize me with the Holy Ghost. How I praise Him for answering my prayer with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. I wish that every one had this blessed experience. I thank the Lord for sending Brother Rexrode and his good wife this way to preach the good, true Gospel for he surely is a man that stands firm for God and His church. I love the Church of God and think it is the best and cleanest thing on earth. Its teachings are to live the good, clean way and that's the way God wants us to live. Pray for me that I may ever be in the center of God's holy will and pray that my husband will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—A sister who loves the Lord, Mrs. Viola Cassady.

Others Want Old Time Salvation

DELBARTON, W. Va.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival meeting here. The power began to fall at the first of the meeting and thank God we closed with victory over the enemy. The dear saints had been praying for sometime for God to send them a real man of God, someone who would preach the old time gospel in its fullness with the demonstrations of the Holy Ghost and power. God answered prayer and sent us Brothers Bill and Paul Ross of East Lynn, W. Va. When the brothers would preach it seemed that God was in every message and conviction would seize on sinners and they would fall down before God and cry out for mercy. Ten were saved, four sanctified, three received the Holy Ghost. The altar was left full and those who were in the house of God held up their hands and said they wanted this old time salvation.

We praise the Lord for our pastor, Brother E. H. Stepp. We believe we have one among the best in the state. He stands foursquare for the Church of God, preaches old time gospel and above all lives what he preaches. If you don't believe it, come and see.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The saints shouted, danced, and talked in tongues under the mighty power of God. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. The Lord has been so good to us we feel like traveling on. May all who read this pray that we may stay under the blood and rescue the perishing and ever be His humble servants.

If you want an old time revival, get Brothers Bill and Paul Ross.—L. M. Curry and Maud Stepp, members of the Church of God at Delbarton.

His Word Will Not Return Void

PULASKI, Va.—We are sounding a note of praise to our God for a successful revival at Pulaski, Va. conducted by Sister Helen L. Morrow. A goodly number was saved, some sanctified, and one received the Holy Ghost. All seemed to enjoy the sermons delivered by Sister Morrow and the valiant service rendered by Sister Mabel Day at the piano. The meeting was good and the lectures delivered by Sister Morrow to the men and women only were the best of all. She surely opened the eyes of people in Pulaski and the crowds were so large from both far and near we had to turn many away on account of no room. Eternity only will tell the good that was done in the meeting as the Lord told us His Word would not return void but would accomplish that where unto it was sent.—W. B. Davis, pastor.

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Working For Ten New Churches

THOMASVILLE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here in and around Thomasville. We came here from Wilmington, N. C. on Dec. 18. Up-to-date close to eighty-five have received the Holy Ghost in our district. Several of these were in Thomasville. By the help and grace of God we intend to put forth every effort possible to see this part of Alabama improved. We already have one church, Forestdale, Ala., to add to our list of new churches. We are working for ten new churches in our district this year.

I have already traveled over my district almost 3000 miles since I have been here. We expect to have a church at Selma, Ala. soon. We have been there. Prospects look good, also at Leroy, Ala. We have good prospects there and at Okey Grove. All we need to do is set the church in order. We already have the material.

I have just returned from Mobile, Ala. and it is ripe for the Church of God. I have all arrangements made for a tent meeting. The president of Chamber of Commerce told me he would get me a lot on the main street in Prichard, a suburb of Mobile.

Oh I want us ministers to work for the people are hungry for the truth and His church. I feel that we can get two or three nice churches in and around Mobile. I have some good workers in my church here at Thomasville and four preachers but have room for more workers. My district is from Selma to Mobile and we have plenty of room to work.

We don't want to fail to mention the service we had last night. It was wonderful. We had a good young people's meeting at the first and it did not close but went into the preaching service. We preached for a short while then had altar service. We opened the door of the church for membership and six presented themselves for members, three for Thomasville and three for Forestdale. After this we had the Lord's supper and feet washing. It was the largest I have witnessed in many years. Some said it was their first time. Saints shouted and kicked the pans over. The service lasted until nearly midnight. We feel that Thomasville, Ala. is improving, thank the Lord. We are at present enlarging the building. It will be finished soon. Please pray for us in our efforts to promote the doctrine of Christ and the Church of God. Visit us at your convenience.—Your brother, G. C. Hamby, district overseer and pastor, Box 234.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

LENOX, Ga.—I praise God that today still finds me saved, sanctified, and baptized with the real Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance according to Acts 2:4. I am so glad Jesus is real to me every day and hour of my life and I am able by His grace and help to really trust Him with both soul and body. As the poet says, "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus." I truly praise God for the way He has blessed in my home from time to time. All of my loved ones were out in sin until Sunday, three weeks ago, when my youngest sister got wonderfully saved. She really began to shed off the world. Every saint of God please pray that she will be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and healed. My oldest brother is getting interested in this good way now. I am glad for this. Please remember him also. He has requested my prayers several times. I like to go to the Assembly. It is fine. I expect to be there next time by the help of God. Surely He will make the way.

I preached near Moultrie, Ga. a few Sundays past and oh the interest was fine. This is a new place for holiness. Of course I will be glad when our state evangelist can go down there, or some one, as I feel much good could be accomplished for God and His church down there.

I praise God because I am in the Church of God. I expect to be true to her. Please remember the Church of God at this place.

I would be glad to hear from Brother C. H. Shaw and family.—A brother in Jesus and the Church of God, Lenon Easters, Rt. 2, Box 14.

Everyone Seems To Be Eager

NEW HOBOT, N. Mex.—We are beginning a revival here tonight. The Lord is already blessing. One has received the Holy Ghost. We have been having prayer meetings in my home. We now have a store building to use with lights, also piano. There are about twenty Holy Ghost filled people but only a few belong to the Church of God. It will mean much for me to conduct a revival with so many different beliefs. Some do not understand sanctification. Everyone seems to be eager to get started. We have such good fellowship in our prayer meetings. We also have a few seats fixed for the colored holiness. We are expecting a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost. We desire the prayers of the entire church.—O. K. Femell, Box 444.

His Arm Is Not Shortened

OCALA, Fla.—The fire is still burning. Praise God for victory in my soul today! We have just closed a revival here in Ocala. Many dear hearts learned to love Jesus. His arm is not shortened that He cannot save, neither is His ears dull that He cannot hear humble hearts who cry out for help. We had a wonderful meeting. Three were baptized with the Holy Ghost, four or five saved and sanctified, and several saved. We have something to praise God for. We know we are still gaining ground for Jesus. He is our mighty Savior and Commander-in-chief.

I feel the fire burning in my soul just now. Hold on, dear saints, for the battles will soon be over and the prize won. The journey is almost ended and Jesus is soon coming so watch and pray and have your lamps trimmed and burning and full of oil so we will be ready to go into the marriage supper. What glory it will be to look on Jesus' face thru eternity. Pray for me to keep in the center of God's holy will.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. D. L. Wing, 402 N. Orange St.

Lost Sheep Being Brought Home

ROCKWOOD, Pa.—The Lord is still blessing in Pennsylvania and the lost sheep are being brought back home. Jesus said, My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me. Many today have wandered away from God and are now seeking the old paths, Jer. 6:16, and the Lord is taking them back home, Acts. 2:41, 47. Surely we are living in the last days and God is in need of willing workers in the field of labor.

We went to Hollidaysburg, Pa. Feb. 14 and found Sister Kalb and her little flock gathered together with about ten filled with the Holy Ghost. On our way there we met Brother and Sister Hesket who went with us. Brother Hesket brought the message and after everybody was thru shouting, dancing, and talking in tongues we set a church in order with seven members.

In regards to the work here at Rockwood, God is blessing our labor and is giving us souls. We expect to start a revival here. We have a building in the Rockwood park that will seat about five hundred people. All who read this pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, A. L. Smith,

Word Planted Deep In Hearts

FLINT, Mich.—Praise the Lord for a salvation that makes a joy in our souls, one we can feel. Bless His name! We came to Flint a year ago. There was no church that believed the whole Bible from cover to cover. We have had some saved in the meeting since Oct. 1, 1930. Just in our little prayer meetings from time to time God has wonderfully blessed in a mighty way.

On Jan. 13 Brother J. B. Cole and wife and Sister Annie Lee Walker came and helped us in a three weeks' meeting. The devil was always on due time but the Word was given out and planted deep in the hearts of the people. Two were saved and two received the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for His promises. If we prove faithful until the end, we will wear a crown. We have some people who are looking for a pure and clean salvation. This town is hard as flint. It is hard to get people out to hear the whole Bible. Pray for us that we will do God's will at all times.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Robert Cook, 4110 Keyes St.

Looking The Bible Way

MOCFEE, Ja.—I am glad today I can write a few lines to the dear Evangel. I can still report victory and I am still standing on God's eternal truth in spite of the enemy. He tries to bounce on me on every hand but God is my Deliverer. We are having a good time here, although not many souls are getting saved. We are still looking the Bible way. John says in Rev. 22:1, "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." I am trying to drink of that water that it might spring up in me a well of everlasting life. I thank God because I am in the blessed Church of God. I love the Church of God doctrine and government. I am one who has been saved, sanctified, and I am tarrying according to Acts 1:14 for the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I may receive Him and be a great soul winner for Jesus. Also pray for my companion that she may keep true.—Your brother in Christ, W. F. Hall.

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Obituaries

McCRORY

On Feb. 19, 1931 the dear Lord sent a sweet little baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vern McCrory's home. She only stayed with them a short while until she was called home to heaven. The little body was laid to rest in the Wesley Chapel cemetery to await the call of Jesus. She leaves to mourn her death mother, father, two grandfathers, one grandmother, aunts and uncles, and a host of friends. We can say to our loved ones, Weep not for we know she is at rest with Jesus.

Sleep on, precious darling,
And take your rest;
Oh how we loved you,
But God loved you best.

—Her aunt who loved her, Mrs. Sarah Rollison, Rt. 3, Roxie, Miss.

FORD

On Jan. 24, 1931 the death angel visited the home of W. D. Ford and claimed his loving wife, Mrs. Beckie Ford, age thirty years, four months, and twenty-four days. She was a member of the Church of God at Ft. Myers, Fla. and lived a good Christian life. Many prayers were offered up for her healing but God saw best to call her out of this world of sorrow to be with Jesus. We weep not as those who have no hope for we know our loss is heaven's gain and we expect to meet her in the first resurrection. She was a loving wife and a true mother. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband, two little children, mother, and three sisters. The funeral was conducted by our pastor, Brother J. W. Buchan, at Broxton Church of God and her body was laid to rest in the Broxton cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

She closed her eyes so sweetly
And waved to all good-bye,
And asked us all to meet her
In that glorious home on high.

—Her heartbroken sister, Mrs. Maud Rowell and Mrs. Nancy Miller, Wray, Ga., Rt. 2.

ROBERTS

Mr. G. E. Roberts, beloved husband of Sister Eliza Roberts, winged his way to the Glory World Feb. 12, 1931, age sixty-three years. He joined the M. E. church when young. He was a believer in the Church of God and offered to give ground to build a church on. He loved and read our church paper. He leaves two daughters, five sons, and a wife. We sympathize with Sister Roberts and family in their bereavement. He was buried in the Robinson cemetery at Utica, Miss. The funeral was conducted by Brother E. A. King, assisted by Brother Owen Williams.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warix, Bovina, Miss.

ROBERTS

Addie Earl Roberts, beloved son of Sister Eliza Roberts, was born Sept. 8, 1897 and departed this life Jan. 29, 1931. He leaves a wife, two children mother, and a host of loved ones to mourn his departure. He was a member of the M. E. church. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, E. A. King, and Owen Williams. His remains were laid to rest in the Robinson cemetery at Utica, Miss. to await the coming of Jesus.—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warix, Bovina, Miss.

FIELDS

On June 10, 1923 the death angel visited our home in Scranton, Ky. and took our loving father, Miles Fields, home to be with Jesus. He suffered much with heart dropsy but in all hours of the night he would wake us up praying. When father passed away to be with Jesus he left four girls and one boy. Since then I have found Jesus and also two other sisters have. One has backslidden. Pray for all to be saved and for my unsaved daughter and husband. Mother preceded father in death in 1900.—Her daughter, Mrs. Hala Searls, 513 E. Columbus St., Columbus, Ohio.

PERRISH

On Jan. 30, 1931 the death angel visited the home of our dear Brother Joseph Henry Perrish of Limestone, W. Va. and called him to the great beyond. Brother Perrish was born Apr. 20, 1851 and was seventy-nine years, nine months, and ten days of age. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, three children, and a host of friends. Brother Perrish was sanctified and added to the Church of God about May 22, 1927 and left a testimony that he was ready to go and sweetly passed away. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother R. L. Rexrode, and his remains were laid in the Queen Point cemetery of Keyser, W. Va. to await the resurrection.

Dear one, we miss you so
But God thought it best you go;
We expect to meet you soon over
there
Where there will be no more parting tears to share.

—His pastor, J. M. Kile.

MANNING

Mr. Henry A. Manning was born Sept. 8, 1857 and departed this life Dec. 24, 1931, age seventy-three years, three months, and fifteen days. He leaves to mourn his departure a loving wife, two children, two grandchildren, other relatives and friends. All was done that loving hands could do. God saw best to take him home. We have no trouble but sweet peace with Jesus for ever and ever. His body was laid to rest in the Ecton cemetery at Comargo, Ky. to await the resurrection morn.

There is a vacant place in our home
sweet home
That no one else can fill;
It is the place where dad used to be
But now it is calm and still.

—One who loved him dearly, his niece, Mrs. Kelly Little, Korea, Ky.

CHRISTMAN

In memory of Mrs. Nettie Christman, our dear sister in Christ. Tears blind my eyes as I think of her parting. I know Sister Nettie is at rest for she was a true and faithful member of the dear Church of God. We used to rejoice in the dear Lord together when I first received the blessing in 1927. We shouted and praised the Lord and prayed almost all the time we were together. We have had wonderful times together praising our Redeemer. I want to meet dear Sister Nettie beyond the sky where we will shout and sing God's praises throughout eternity.—A sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Cora Rea, Rt. 3, Grand Sabine, Texas.

PHILLIPS

On Feb. 23, 1931 the death angel visited the City Hospital at Gaffney S. C. and claimed for its victim little Robert Eugene Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Phillips, age two years and one month, lacking two days. He was sick three days but bore his suffering with patience. All was done that loving hands could do but God saw best to call him home. He leaves a mother, father, two sisters, one brother, two grandmothers, eight aunts, seven uncles, other relatives and a host of friends. He was loved by all who knew him. He was a bud on earth to bloom in heaven. All who know the worth of prayer pray for mother and father to get salvation.

We loved him, yes, we loved him,
But Jesus loved him more
For He sent an angel down
To carry him to yonder shore.

—One who loved him dearly, his aunt, Dashey Phillips, Blacksburg, S. C.

MILLER

Willie Ruth Miller was born June 10, 1901 and died Feb. 26, 1931. She was married to Mack Miller, Dec. 14, 1919. To this union were born five children. She professed faith in Christ when a young girl and lived a devoted Christian. She became a member of the Church of God in 1917. She was so patient, so sweet. During the latter part of her illness she often told her loved ones she was ready to go. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, five children, a mother, two sisters, and four brothers. One brother preceded her. Although the family circle is broken and mother has gone to be with Jesus we can all live so we can meet her again. She was laid to rest in the Rockwood cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Underwood of Rockwood, Tenn. and the writer of Cleveland, Tenn.—S. W. Latimer.

Morristown Dist. Coming To The Front

We have just closed a revival at Jefferson City, Tenn. Twenty-one were saved, sixteen sanctified, thirteen received the Holy Ghost, four were baptized in water, and four added to the church. There was shouting, dancing, and speaking in tongues. They said it was the best meeting Jefferson City ever had.

We have one of the best Sunday Schools at Morristown that I know of. The attendance is nearly one hundred and is increasing every Sunday. We had ten in the altar the other Sunday morning at our service. The Lord is surely blessing Morristown. We surely have some good people in Morristown and faithful workers. We have gained one new church and two new Sunday Schools. All of the preachers in this district seem to be zealous to see the work move. They are calling for meetings in many new places. Come on, preachers and coworkers, and let us go over the top for Jesus and the Church of God. Let's all be loyal in sending our monthly reports in. Let's be loyal to the teachings of the Assembly.

KEEP GOING

If you strike a thorn or a rose, keep
going;
If it hails or if it snows, keep going.
There is no use to sit and whine
When the fish isn't on your line,
Bait your hook and keep on trying,
Keep going.
If the weather kills your crop, keep
going;
When you tumble from the top, keep
going.
S'pose you're out of every dime,
Getting broke is not a crime,
Tell the world you're feeling fine,
Keep going.
When it looks like all is up, keep going;
Drain the sweetness from the cup,
keep going.
See the wild birds on the wing,
Hear the bells that sweetly ring,
When you feel like sighing sing,
Keep going.

—H. B. Helton, district pastor.

Y. P. E. And Lively Sunday School

BILLINGS, Mont.—I'm so glad this morning I can report victory in my soul thru the precious blood of Jesus Christ. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus and to have the assurance that Christ reigns supreme within. I'm glad because I am saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, belong to the glorious Church of God, and filled with a determination to press on for God.

I think and feel sometimes that we are prone to overlook the responsibility of serving Jesus. We don't have determination enough to see things accomplished. God is still on the giving hand and there is plenty of souls who need Christ. Let's put our shoulder to the wheel and pray that the voice of heaven shall lend light to every sin-sick soul.

I'm rejoicing in this pathway of holiness that makes me really enjoy salvation. I feel the fire of heavenly love burning in my soul. Oh it makes me want to tell everyone about the love of Jesus. I've received many blessings since the arrival of the Holy Ghost in my heart, but I know that God has more for us yet. I believe that each baptized saint has the privilege of having one of the gifts or more if they will only meet the conditions. I've been receiving great blessings in obeying God, doing those little things that tend to humble us. It's hard sometimes, is it not? Still it is so sweet when done.

One incident especially comes to my mind now. One night when our pastor, James J. Martin, was preaching a soul stirring sermon direct from God I suddenly felt so lonesome. A great burden overwhelmed my soul. For awhile the wicked tempter tried to suggest to me that I had backslidden. I knew that was a lie and prayed on. Shortly God showed me His blessed will. It was to go to my employer and tell her of a little deed I had done slightly different than her instructions. She told me to dust a table scarf with a whisk broom and I did it with a brush. I did not think at the time that I was disobeying but God kept dealing with me until I went to her and explained things. Oh such a sweet glory filled my soul. It surely made me feel humble. It was such a little thing and so seemingly insignificant. That's just the things, though, that God uses to knock the pride and starch out of us. He wanted me to learn to obey. How true it is that to obey is better than sacrifice.

I am a young person. I have known this way about three years and am engaged in doing young people's work for God. We have a Young People's Endeavor of which I am president. We also have a lively Sunday School. I'd like to hear from some Y. P. E. workers and exchange ideas. It seems so hard to reach our modern young people. I feel my inability and unworthiness without the aid of God. It's a great responsibility to lead young boys and girls to God. We also have a Junior Bible hour every Saturday afternoon. God blesses here too.

Brother Martin is holding a special campaign for lost souls. Several have been saved and sanctified and one has received the Holy Ghost. Yes, God can bless even way out West in Montana We have promises of reenforcements coming soon. Pray for us that we may all hide behind the cross and give God the glory for it all. God has blessed Billings with a faithful few who are determined to go thru with Christ. Bless His name! This is a hardhearted place but God is able to save them from hell and destruction.—Marie B. Spink, 224 S. 28th St.

ENCOURAGED

ANNISTON, Ala.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I am glad I am saved from sin, sanctified through the precious blood of Jesus, and the sweet Holy Ghost still abides in my soul. I can feel the fire burning in my soul just now. I am glad I am a member of the dear old Church of God and I love her teachings.

We surely thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Bunyan Hall. The devil surely is mad here. The madder old Splitfoot gets the harder Brother Hall preaches. He preaches the Word of God and believes in signs following believers. I am so glad I can trust the Lord for my body. He heals every time I get sick. I want to be a bright and shining light for Him. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

About three weeks ago we organized the C. of G. Y. P. E. and the Lord has blessed. The first night one young man went to the heater and handled fire. We are encouraged to fight the battle until Jesus says, Enough, come up higher.

I believe the Church of God in Anniston will rise and shine for the Lord. The devil told Brother Hall when he came back here he would not get any tithes but the old fellow found out that would not do. Mal. 3:8 says, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Some people will shout all over the church until you name tithes then they sit down on the stool-of-do-nothing and say they love the church and won't do anything for her but they want a preacher who will suit them and they want to be leader in everything. We need to give the devil a black eye every time we have an opportunity. We need to work while it is day for night will soon come when no man can work. Dear saints, pray for me.—Your humble sister in Christ, (Miss) Lillie Craft, 507 W. 11½ St.

Hungry Hearts Flock to Altar

PONCA CITY, Okla.—The Lord is so real to His people in these closing days and troublesome times. Surely we are nearing the tribulation and God is giving this sin wrecked world its last gospel call. Every passing day brings us into harder times. Hearts are failing men for fear, friends are playing traitors to each other, husbands are murdering wives and wives are murdering husbands, dead bodies are being picked up off the highways showing someone has been mysteriously murdered, jail houses are crowded with mothers' boys and girls, pens are filled with criminals, every day we read of robbery and some outrageous national crime. Surely the end is so near.

We began a meeting one week ago with the newly organized Church of God in Collinsville, Okla. The power of God soon began to fall. This town and community is stirred for miles around. People flock to the church with hungry hearts. Many turn away because no standing room is found. As the Word of God goes forth people sit and listen. Shouts of praises are heard for blocks away as the power of God falls. Sinners and hungry hearts come flocking to the altar to be made whole.

One woman who was raised a Catholic was wonderfully saved. One man who committed murder and who had almost given up was wonderfully saved. He is now able to testify that there is power in Jesus to forgive all manner of sin. One Oklahoma outlaw who never before knew God wept his way thru to Calvary. Today he is telling on the streets that there is power in Jesus.

Men, women, boys, and girls of almost every walk of life are seeking God. Some are saved, some sanctified, and others are filled with the Holy Ghost. Many who were sick are healed. One old brother who had a paralytic stroke was saved sometime back and God has touched his body so that he is able to shout and dance. Many other great things the Lord is doing here in this place. We give Him all the glory. Praise His wonderful name!—Yours in the real Church of God, Jesse A. Cook, state evangelist, 737 N. Oak St.

There are Vessels Unto Honor and Dishonor

SCALEY, N. C.—Dear Evangel readers, I thank God this morning for the privilege of testifying through the Evangel. I am glad to be a witness for my Lord. He has done so much for me. Bless His sweet name! He is precious to me. One night I awoke and was aching all over. God gave me this Scripture to write to the Evangel. "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim. 2:20, 21. Brothers and sisters, we need to purge ourselves that we might be vessels unto honour. 2 Tim. 2:16 says, "But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness." The 19th verse says, "The Lord knoweth them that are his."

Paul was a chosen vessel. He was talking to Timothy. Here we see all kinds of vessels but few are sanctified and meet for the Master's use. He says, "And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." So Christian friends, let us lay aside every weight and go forward for the Lord and shine as a new vessel. We are no more that old filthy vessel that we once were but we are purged, we are vessels unto honor, sanctified, I feel the mighty power of God surging thru my body. I am as an earthen vessel in His hands. I want Him to handle me just as the potter would handle the clay, and make me a vessel more to His honor. We find that the five foolish virgins didn't have their vessels full of oil. We need to have our vessels full of oil. We need to be cleaned, purged, and filled with His blessed Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and be ready when Jesus comes whether it be at midnight or midday. When we present ourselves to Him a vessel sanctified and filled with His Spirit, He will accept us and we will be fit for the new Jerusalem. I am longing to be a wonderful time. I am looking for His coming and expecting Him soon and I want Him to catch me away. I know He won't accept anything that is not clean and holy. I am ready to go at any time He should come or call. Brother, sister, let us stay humble before the Lord. It means much to us now but will mean much more after awhile. Every one pray for me and my loved ones. We have started a meeting at the Church of God at Scaley. Pray that God will bless here and give us many souls for our hire while here in this place. May God bless the Church of God in general this year.—Your humble brother in Christ, Dallas Hensley.

Mission Department

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J. P. Hughes

GLEANINGS OF THE HARVEST

Even the Faintest among Us May Participate in Bringing in the Sheaves

"Is not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?" Judges 8:2.

A singular battle took place between the forces of Israel and the Midianites. Gideon was chosen of God to lead the Israelites in battle and by divine direction his army was reduced from thirty-two thousand to three hundred, lest they should ascribe the victory to their own strength rather than to God. In selecting his troops Gideon was ordered to muster out all that were "fearful and afraid," also those who were indifferent. The three hundred remaining troops were to meet the Midianites in the valley, compared to grasshoppers as to number. Each tested soldier was provided with a lamp, a pitcher, and a trumpet. The vast army of the Midianites were sleeping in the dead of night when they were fearfully surprised. At a given signal three hundred pitchers were broken, three hundred lamps flashed forth a glaring light, three hundred trumpets sounded forth terrific blasts, and three hundred voices echoed thru the valley as they shouted, "The sword of the Lord and Gideon." The Midianites sprang from their sleep bewildered and terrified by the dreadful surprise "and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow." Gideon then sent messengers to the men of Ephraim who hastened to the fray and captured two princes of the Midianites, "Oreb and Zeeb."

When the battle was over the men of Ephraim were angry with Gideon because they were not called at the beginning, and demanded of him why he had thus served them. Gideon could have reminded them that they had been mustered out because they were "fearful and afraid." He might have told them that they were cowards, brave enough to chase a flying foe, but replied, "What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that." Altho' Gideon had led the army that put to flight the Midianites, nevertheless he did not overlook what others had done and highly praised those who could do no more than pursue a frightened army and capture two of its leaders. He told them they had done more than he had been able to do and thus he appeased their jealous anger. "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

The manner in which Gideon dealt with the men of Ephraim teaches a practical lesson that may correctly be applied in our day. Surely this is the gleaning time, when even the weakest member of the Church of God has an opportunity. Those who are not permitted to go into the main harvest may follow up the reapers as gleaners and bring in great bundles of sheaves for the Master. It has been almost two thousand years since Jesus said to those who followed Him, "The fields are white already to harvest." Many reapers have gone forth since those words were spoken, and the white fields have been worked over, but much is left to be done by the gleaners. The gleanings of the harvest are very important and the Lord will not forget those who gather up the fragments. Although the men of Ephraim were once fearful and afraid, nevertheless their opportunity came and Gideon commended them calling their work "the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim."

In the parable of the "householder" Jesus shows that those who went into the vineyard at the eleventh hour received the same wages as those who had worked all day. It was "evening" when the "Lord of the vineyard" had the laborers called and recompenced equally. We are living in the evening of time when the "Lord of the harvest" is about to call His laborers to their eternal rewards. What we do must be done quickly, so let us work with all our might, that we may at least have some gleanings for the Master. Every one who prays conviction on some poor sinner or in any way helps to bring the lost to Christ will receive reward. We should recognize the least that is being done to finish up the harvest and never criticize our fellowlaborer. We must forget our brother's weakness and honor any and all the good he may do. Those who can do no more than chase the enemy after he has been routed should be called into service and commended for what they do. Those who are doing the least should be made to feel that their work is appreciated and that God will reward. If we can do no more than give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus, He has promised to reward us. If we only have ten cents a month to give to the mission cause, we should not neglect to send it in. Even if we do not have any money or cannot give a cup of water, we are not left without opportunity. Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." We can all pray, therefore, we have opportunity to participate in bringing in the sheaves.

"Work and pray till Jesus calls you,
Help to harvest in the grain;
Then with joy you will meet the Savior,
When our Lord shall come again."

Expecting a Revival

MAUD, Okla.—We enjoy reading the sermons and testimonies. They are real food to my soul. I am so glad the Lord is blessing His people in the last days when the devil is trying his best to down God's people.

Our State Overseer was with us and preached four nights. We had conference on Feb. 14. The Lord blessed Him in giving out the Word. There was good interest and it seemed like we could have a real revival. He had to leave us and go to another part of the state but he said he would be back in a few weeks to begin a battle if it was God's will. We surely love him and think he is the man God would have sent here if He had been there in person. He takes well with everybody and the young people surely love him. Sunday night he asked for all who wanted to get the real blessing during the next meeting to hold up their hands and about seventy or seventy-five held up their hands.

We have some here who will stand for the truth and right. Pray for us all and pray that when Brother Oglesby gets back the Lord will give us a good revival.

We have a good Sunday School and our C. of G. Y. P. E. is coming along with about twenty-five enrolled. The Women's Willing Workers' Club is in progress and doing fine. I believe this will be the best year we have had at this place.

I don't want to forget our dear pastor, Brother Hall, because he gives out some real food for our souls. I don't know what we would do if we didn't have a good pastor. Pray for us.—Your brother, Wiley E. Wright, clerk.

New Fields In Missouri For The Church

TARKIO, Mo.—I praise my great King for His many blessings to me. I praise the dear Lord because He saved me from a life of sin, sanctified me thru His precious blood, and gave me the Holy Ghost. Praise Him for the great Church of God and because I am a member of it. Oh I love the Church of God. I want to obey the teaching of it. I am so glad for the great healing power because I ever learned to trust the Lord. I love my Jesus this morning above everything else. I have a greater desire to go on and press my way thru. I want to see my King face to face. I don't get to go to the Church of God meeting because the nearest church is seventy miles. I get so hungry to hear the Church of God preachers give out the Word of God. I hope the time will soon come that a work will open up here so we can have a church. Each one pray for the Lord to open up a way for us here in Tarkio, Mo. We go to church at what they call Pentecostal Assemblies of God. They are good folks but they don't know anything about the Church of God or government in the church. Please pray for me that I might stand true and be faithful until my Savior says, It is enough, come up higher.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Pearl Smith, Rt. 2.

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